

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are pending in the application. Claims 4-5 have been canceled, Claim 1 has been amended, Claim 8 has been added, leaving Claims 1, 2-3, and 6-8 for consideration upon entry of the present Amendment.

Support for the amendment to Claim 1 and for new Claim 8 can at least be found in the specification, drawings, and claims. For example, support can be found at page 7, lines 21-25, as well as in Figure 5.

No new matter has been introduced by these amendments. Reconsideration and allowance of the entire case is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,429,601 to Friend et al. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

"A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." *Verdegaal Bros. V. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). Moreover, "[t]he identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the * * * claim." *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co.*, 868 F.2d 1226, 1236, 9 USPQ2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989); See also MPEP 2131.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the following elements: "...current provided to a given one of the organic electroluminescent elements is varied in accordance with the size of the corresponding driving transistor connected thereto...". Since Friend et al. fails to teach at least this element, Friend et al. fails to teach each and every element of Applicant's independent Claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant's independent Claim 1 is not anticipated and is allowable over Friend et al. Moreover, as dependent claims from an allowable independent claim, Claims 2-3 and 6-7, are, by definition, also allowable.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed and a Notice of Allowance issued. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is cordially requested to telephone the undersigned.

In the event the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks deems additional fees to be due in connection with this application, Applicant's attorney hereby authorizes that such fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

Respectfully submitted,

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